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WORKING GROUP OF MEMBERS OF THE OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE MET AT
THE AUSTRIAN MISSION SEPTEMBER 15 TO DISCUSS THE INITIAL
DRAFT OF THE OUTER SPACE RESOLUTION. FOLLOWING IS THE
SECOND VERSION OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION WHICH WILL BE DISCUSSED
BY THE WORKING GROUP ON SEPTEMBER 30, AT 3:00 PM.

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SECOND VERSION
15 SEPTEMBER 1977

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING ITS RESOLUTION 31/8 OF 8 NOVEMBER 1976,

HAVING CONSIDERED THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE
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PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE,

REAFFIRMING THE COMMON INTEREST OF MANKIND IN FURTHERING
THE EXPLORATION AND USE OF OUTER SPACE FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES
AND IN EXTENDING TO STATES (SUGGESTIONS A) REPLACE BY:
"AIMING TO SHARE AMONG ALL" B) REPLACE BY: "AIMING TO SHARE
AMONG ALL STATES") THE BENEFITS DERIVED THEREFROM,

REAFFIRMING ALSO THE IMPORTANCE OF INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION
IN THIS FIELD, INCLUDING IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE RULE OF LAW,
FOR WHICH THE UNITED NATIONS SHOULD CONTINUE TO PROVIDE A FOCAL
POINT,

NOTING WITH SATISFACTION RESOLUTION ... CONCERNING THE TENTH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE TREATY ON PRINCIPLES
GOVERNING THE ACTIVITIES OF STATES IN THE EXPLORATION AND USE OF
OUTER SPACE, INCLUDING THE MOON AND OTHER CELESTIAL BODIES,

1. ENDORSES THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PEACEFUL
USES OF OUTER SPACE;

2. INVITES STATES WHICH HAVE NOT YET BECOME PARTIES TO THE
TREATY ON PRINCIPLES GOVERNING THE ACTIVITIES OF STATES IN THE
EXPLORATION AND USE OF OUTER SPACE, INCLUDING THE MOON AND OTHER
CELESTIAL BODIES, THE AGREEMENT ON THE RESCUE OF ASTRONAUTS, THE
RETURN OF ASTRONAUTS AND THE RETURN OF OBJECTS LAUNCHED INTO
OUTER SPACE, THE CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL LIABILITY FOR
DAMAGE CAUSED BY SPACE OBJECTS AND THE CONVENTION ON REGIS-
TRATION OF OBJECTS LAUNCHED INTO OUTER SPACE TO GIVE EARLY
CONSIDERATION TO RATIFYING OR ACCEEDING TO THOSE
INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS;

3. NOTES WITH SATISFACTION THE CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS
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ACHIEVED BY THE LEGAL SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE
PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE AND BY A WORKING PARTY OF THAT
COMMITTEE ITSELF IN THE ELABORATION OF DRAFT PRINCIPLES GOVER-
NING THE USE BY STATES OF ARTIFICIAL EARTH SATELLITES FOR DIRECT
TELEVISION BROADCASTING, BEGIN BRACKETS PARTICULARLY
IN FORMULATING A POSSIBLE DRAFT PRINCIPLE ON "CONSULTATION AND
AGREEMENTS BETWEEN STATES" AND SOME PARAGRAPHS OF A DRAFT
PREAMBLE; END BRACKETS (SUGGESTIONS A) DELETE WORDS IN BRACKETS
B) REPLACE BY: "PARTICULARLY IN FORMULATING A TENTATIVE
TEXT OF A PRINCIPLE OF "CONSULTATION AND AGREEMENTS BETWEEN
STATES" AND A "DRAFT PREAMBLE" C) REPLACE BY: "PARTICULARLY
AS REFLECTED IN ANNEXES IV AND V OF THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT")

4. FURTHER NOTES WITH SATISFACTION THAT THE LEGAL SUB-
COMMITTEE

A) ACHIEVED SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS BY FORMULATING SIX
ADDITIONAL DRAFT PRINCIPLES RELATING TO THE LEGAL IMPLICATIONS
OF REMOTE SENSING OF THE EARTH FROM SPACE;
B) CONTINUED ITS EFFORTS TO COMPLETE THE DRAFT TREATY
RELATING TO THE MOON; (SUGGESTION: ADD: "TAKING INTO
ACCOUNT PROPOSALS MADE ON THE OUTSTANDING ISSUES")
C) DISCUSSED QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE DEFINITION AND/OR

DELIMITATION OF OUTER SPACE AND OUTER SPACE ACTIVITIES;

5. RECOMMENDS THAT THE LEGAL SUB-COMMITTEE AT ITS SEVENTEENTH SESSION SHOULD:

A) CONTINUE, AS MATTERS OF HIGH PRIORITY:

(I) ITS EFFORTS TO COMPLETE THE ELABORATION OF DRAFT PRINCIPLES GOVERNING THE USE BY STATES OF ARTIFICIAL EARTH SATELLITES FOR DIRECT TELEVISION BROADCASTING;

(II) ITS DETAILED CONSIDERATION OF THE LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OF REMOTE SENSING OF THE EARTH FROM SPACE, WITH THE AIM OF FORMULATING DRAFT PRINCIPLES ON THE BASIS OF COMMON ELEMENTS IDENTIFIED BY IT; (ONE DELEGATION SUGGESTED TO DELETE THE WORDS AFTER "SPACE" IN THE SECOND LINE)

(III) ITS CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT TREATY RELATING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO THE MOON;

B) CONTINUE TO DISCUSS QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE DEFINITION AND/OR DELIMITATION OF OUTER SPACE AND OUTER SPACE ACTIVITIES;

C) ALSO BEAR IN MIND QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE GEOSTATIONARY ORBIT; (SOME DELEGATIONS FAVOR DELETION OF SUB-PARAGRAPH C))

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6. NOTES WITH SATISFACTION THAT THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE AT ITS FOURTEENTH SESSION, I.A., CONTINUED:

A) TO CONSIDER IN DETAIL BOTH THE CURRENT PRE-OPERATIONAL/

EXPERIMENTAL PHASE AND A POSSIBLE FUTURE GLOBAL/INTERNATIONAL
OPERATIONAL PHASE OF REMOTE SENSING OF THE EARTH FROM SPACE;
B) TO MAKE PROGRESS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNITED
NATIONS PROGRAMME ON SPACE APPLICATIONS;
C) TO CONSIDER IN DETAIL THE OPTIONS RELATING TO A POSSIBLE
UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON OUTER SPACE;

7. RECOMMENDS THAT THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL SUB-COMMITTEE
AT ITS FIFTEENTH SESSION SHOULD CONTINUE ITS WORK ON MATTERS BEFORE
IT, GIVING PRIORITY TO THE THREE ITEMS CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPH 71 OF
THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT;

8. FURTHER RECOMMENDS THAT THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL
SUB-COMMITTEE AT THAT SESSION SET UP A TASK FORCE
(ONE DELEGATION WOULD FAVOR "WORKING PARTY" INSTEAD OF
"TASK FORCE") TO CONSIDER, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 75
OF THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT, ALL THE FACTORS AND ANY FURTHER
RELEVANT INFORMATION CONCERNING THE (SUGGESTIONS A) REPLACE BY "A"
B) REFER TO "THE PROPOSED") POSSIBLE UNITED NATIONS
CONFERENCE ON OUTER SPACE MATTERS;
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9. ENDORSES THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE
PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE THAT THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, FOR
CONSIDERATION BY THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL SUB-COMMITTEE AT ITS
FIFTEENTH SESSION, SHOULD:

A) UNDERTAKE THE STUDIES AND PREPARE THE DOCUMENTATION ON
QUESTIONS RELATING TO REMOTE SENSING OF THE EARTH FROM SPACE, AS
REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH 40, 44 AND 49 OF THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT;
B) PREPARE A FACTUAL STUDY ON THE PHYSICAL NATURE AND
TECHNICAL ATTRIBUTES OF THE GEOSTATIONARY ORBIT, WITH A VIEW TO
ENABLING THE STUDY OF THE DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF ITS UTILIZATION;

10. FURTHER ENDORSES THE RECOMMENDATION TO STRENGTHEN,
WITHIN AVAILABLE RESOURCES, THE ROLE OF THE TWO REMOTE SENSING
CENTRES REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH 73 OF THE REPORT OF THE SCIENTIFIC
AND TECHNICAL SUB-COMMITTEE; (PROPOSED ADDITION OF A NEW OPERATIVE
PARAGRAPH (10 B):
EXPRESSES ITS APPRECIATION IN THE CONNECTION TO FAO,
UNESCO AND THE GOVERNMENT OF ITALY FOR THE HOLDING OF INTERNATIONAL
TRAINING COURSES ON THE APPLICATION OF REMOTE SENSING FOR THE
BENEFIT OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES;)

11. ENDORSES THE RECOMMENDATION THAT THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
SHOULD (PROPOSED DRAFTING CHANGE: "ENDORSES THE INVITATION TO
THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO EXPLORE") IN ACCORDANCE
WITH PARAGRAPH 48 OF THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY
OF CONTINUING, EXPANDING AND CO-ORDINATING PROGRAMMES OF
THE UNITED NATIONS AND ITS AGENCIES INVOLVING THE

USE OF SATELLITE REMOTE SENSING DATA, PARTICULARLY FOR THE
BENEFIT OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND REPORT THEREON TO THE
COMMITTEE;

12. ENDORSES THE PROPOSED UNITED NATIONS PROGRAMME ON SPACE
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APPLICATION FOR 1978;

13. APPROVES THE CONTINUING SPONSORSHIP BY THE UNITED NATIONS
OF THE THUMBA EQUATORIAL LAUNCHING STATION IN INDIA AND THE
CELPA MAR DEL PLATA STATION IN ARGENTINA;

14. REQUESTS THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE
THE COMMITTEE WITH PROGRESS REPORTS ON THEIR WORK RELATING TO
THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE;

15. REQUESTS THE COMMITTEE ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER
SPACE TO CONTINUE ITS WORK, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS AND
PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND TO CONSIDER, AS
APPROPRIATE, NEW PROJECTS IN OUTER SPACE ACTIVITIES AND TO
REPORT THEREON TO THE ASSEMBLY AT ITS THIRTY-THIRD SESSION.

(PROPOSED NEW PARAGRAPH (16.):

EXPRESSES ITS DEEP APPRECIATION TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
AND PEOPLE OF AUSTRIA FOR HAVING HOSTED THE TWENTIETH SESSION
OF THE COMMITTEE IN VIENNA)

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